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C O N F I D E N T I A L NIAMEY 2527

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG NG

SUBJECT: SUN OIL/GLOBAL CONCESSION IN NIGER

1. SUN OIL REPS (CONE AND CHAMOT) FROM HOUSTON CALLED JULY 23 TO REPORT ON STATUS OF OIL CONCESSION IN WEST NIGER NEAR OUALLAM, WHICH THEY ARE DEVELOPING WITH GLOBAL. LOCAL BETTING HAD BEEN THAT SUN OIL WOULD GET DRILLING OPERATIONS UNDERWAY BEFORE TEXACO/EXXON IN EAST NIGER BUT COMPANY SAYS IT IS RUNNING INTO OIL RIG AVAILABILITY PROBLEMS. THIS MAY MAKE IT NECESSARY TO DEFER DRILLING UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 15, 1975 WHEN CONCESSION EXPIRES AND BY WHICH TIME SUN OIL IS UNDER COMMITMENT TO DRILL AT LEAST ONE HOLE.

2. SUN OIL REPS ARE CURRENTLY DISCUSSING MATTER WITH GON STRESSING THAT THEY ARE MOVING AHEAD ON DEVELOPMENT OF CONCESSION AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, THAT THEY ARE ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE WITH ABOUT SIX EXPATRIATES IN NIAMEY TO SUPERVISE  
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OPERATIONS (THIS OFFICE WILL ALSO BACKSTOP SUTURE DRILLING

OPERATIONS IN NEARBY MALI CONCESSION), THAT THEY ARE STARTING TO SET UP CAMP, DRILL FOR WATER, BUILD APPROACH ROADS, ETC. SUN OIL HOPES THIS ACTIVITY WILL CONVINCE GON OF ITS BONA FIDES AND BUY IT AN EXTENSION ON CONCESSION BEYOND JANUARY 15, 1975 DEADLINE.

3. COMMENT: OUR CURRENT READING OF GON ATTITUDE ON THESE MATTERS IS THAT AS LONG AS SUN OIL DEMONSTRATES IT MEANS BUSINESS IN EXPLOITING CONCESSION IT HAS REASONABLE CHANCE OF GETTING EXTENSION.  
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